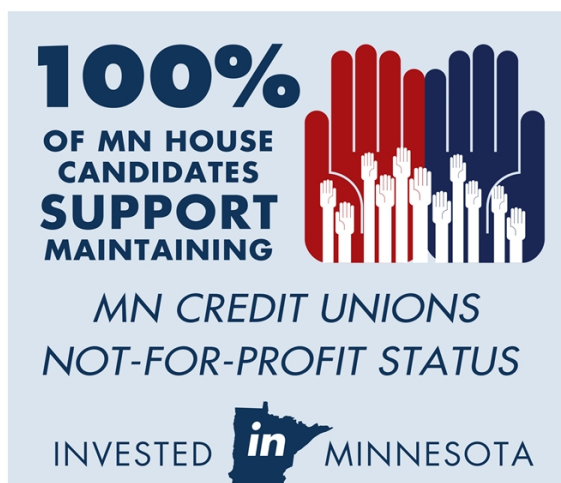

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ELLISON: via *WCCO Radio*, **VERBATIM:** "Keith Ellison said he felt "incredibly betrayed" by the decision of a Hennepin County Family Court referee to unseal his divorce records. **QUOTE:** "Having to see my kids and my very good friend and former spouse Kim have to talk about intimate details of our lives was heartrending," he told *WCCO Radio's Chad Hartman* during an interview Thursday. "I do ask people to try to let us be a family."...Ellison continued: "Look, the judge told us that the file was sealed. We asked and he said yes. And we relied on the judge and the court to honor what they told us. And then after they allowed us to put things in the file that were of a sensitive nature, they pulled the rug out from under us, which I feel incredibly betrayed. **READ/LISTEN:** <http://bit.ly/2CoVENE>

TAKE: The release of the **Ellison's** divorce records was warranted, however the reaction from many non-Ellison political observers

is that it crossed the line. It has garnered the Ellison's some sympathy. It was warranted both by the law, and by journalistic standards. That said, on Twitter yesterday a few people asked why yesterday's morning take had nothing on the Ellison release. There wasn't anything in them that would greatly impact Keith Ellison's candidacy. That's why we chose not to include the details yesterday.

MNLEG: via *MinnPost*, **VERBATIM:** "While recapturing the Senate requires a victory in just one district, there is only one race on the ballot this year. And that one — District 13, centered on Stearns County — has been reliably Republican...The House, however, is very much in play. That 73-61 majority the GOP won in 2014 grew to 77-57 after 2016. That means the DFL has to pick up 11 seats to take the speakership away from Rep. **Kurt Daudt** and likely award it to House Minority Leader **Melissa Hortman**. But to have a chance at gaining 11 seats, the DFL needs to be playing hard in twice that many, people who are making spending decisions said...Republicans, in turn, can't spend the fall just playing defense — that is, protecting their incumbents and defending open seats that Republican retirements left open. They are determined, therefore, to go after a handful of DFL seats, especially those in Greater Minnesota where they have made significant gains over the last three election cycles...Just as Republicans began their two-election march to their current majority by looking at DFL districts that had been won by **Mitt Romney** over **Barack Obama** in 2012, DFLers are starting with what might be dubbed the Hillary 12. These mostly suburban Twin Cities districts were carried by **Hillary Clinton** by percentages ranging from 27.3 percent (49A) to 0.5 percent (33B) but elected or re-elected Republicans to the House...Republicans are hoping that, if it becomes a big Democrat year nationally and in Minnesota, voters will split tickets. And some of their incumbents among the Hillary 12 — Rep. **Jenifer Loon** of Eden Prairie and Rep. **Sarah Anderson** of Plymouth, for example — have run and won several times, including in years that favored the DFL. Anderson won in the disastrous-for-Republicans 2006 and Loon won in the not-much-better 2008...If there is a list labeled "The Hillary 12," there is a corresponding list titled "The Donald 7" for the DFL incumbents in districts carried by Trump in 2016...An unexpected pickup for the DFL could come in 14B where Republican **Jim Knoblach** of St. Cloud suspended his campaign after allegations of sexual abuse were made public by his daughter. The DFL already had hopes that onetime state Senate candidate **Dan Wolgamott** could threaten Knoblach who had only won by 3 percentage points in 2016. **LIST:** <http://bit.ly/2pZA1Mx>

HD55A: From the *Shakopee Valley News*, here's a Q&A from with DFLer **Brad Tabke** and GOPer **Erik Mortenson** who are battling it out in 55A **READ:** <http://bit.ly/2Pbliv5>

ABSENTEE: via **KSTP**, **VERBATIM:** "The midterm elections are less than three weeks away and thousands of Minnesotans have already cast their ballot...More absentee ballots have been requested statewide than were requested for the 2016 presidential election...According to the Secretary of State's Office, 301,107 absentee ballots have been requested statewide. In 2016, for the presidential election, 281,532 were requested." **WATCH:** <http://bit.ly/2PNc2vy>

THEVIEW: Sen. **Amy Klobuchar** was on *The View* yesterday. **VERBATIM:** "The discussion Thursday turned to the prevalence — or lack of — bipartisanship in Washington. Klobuchar said that despite Republican Sen. **Lindsey Graham's** calls for her to apologize to Kavanaugh -- she did not -- she spoke with the South Carolina Republican and they continue to work together. **KLOBUCHAR:** "If you just go in your opposite corners of the boxing rings, you never get anything done," she told the co-hosts **WATCH:** <https://abcn.ws/2EvAkc4>

AD: Sen. **Tina Smith** is releasing a new ad later this morning. **WATCH:** <http://bit.ly/2J6jPSn>

AD: **Karin Housley** is releasing a new ad today. **WATCH:** <http://bit.ly/2CVtfAb>

CD8: This morning the NRCC released a new 2-minute web video for **Pete Stauber** called "Pete's Story" **WATCH:**

<http://bit.ly/2yngH0o>

TEACHER: Yesterday we printed from the **Walz** campaign, this claim, **VERBATIM:** “If elected, Walz, a teacher of over 20 years, would be the first teacher in the past century to be elected governor of the state of Minnesota.” On reader pointed out that it’s not true, **Mark Dayton** was previously a teacher.

MNGOV: via the DFL-aligned Alliance for a Better Minnesota, **VERBATIM:** ““It’s no surprise that the RGA is completely abandoning Jeff Johnson. Poll after poll clearly shows that Minnesotans reject Johnson’s disastrous healthcare plan and know that we can’t trust him to lead our state,” **said Joe Davis**, executive director of Alliance for a Better Minnesota. “Alliance for a Better Minnesota will continue to do whatever it takes to make sure that Jeff Johnson doesn’t bring his harmful, divisive agenda to our state. We deserve a governor like Tim Walz who cares about working families and will work to make sure that everyone has access to quality, affordable healthcare regardless of where they’re from, where they live, or what they look like.”

PIPELINE: via news release from **Jeff Johnson** yesterday, **VERBATIM:** “Minnesota Republican Candidate for Governor Jeff Johnson today reaffirmed his support for the proposed Enbridge Line 3 pipeline project saying the jobs it will create both short term and long term should be championed by Minnesota’s next governor, not protested. Last year, **Tim Walz’s** running mate **Peggy Flanagan** participated in a protest rally against the Dakota Access Pipeline Project. **JOHNSON:** “Minnesota’s economy needs Line 3 and our families and communities need the thousands of jobs and billions of dollars in investment this project will bring to our state,” said Johnson. “Tim Walz and Peggy Flanagan are more likely to attend a pipeline protest rally than a ribbon cutting. If I am elected I will make sure this gets done.”...The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission unanimously approved the project after an exhaustive regulatory review process, yet the State of Minnesota has not issued permits and other needed approvals to allow what would be Minnesota’s largest privately-funded construction project to move forward. The pipeline would create thousands of construction jobs as well as support Minnesota’s two oil refineries and the thousands of existing jobs that depend on having access to a safe and dependable source of oil....Johnson was joined by **Matt Gordon**, Director of Operations for Gordon Construction, a Native American-owned construction company that will build part of the Line 3 project. Gordon, who is an enrolled member of the White Earth Nation called on State Representative Peggy Flanagan, who is a citizen of the White Earth Nation of Ojibwe, to specifically support Line 3 because of the jobs in tribal communities it will create for companies like Gordon Construction.” **MORE:** <http://bit.ly/2PHIn6J>

VITAL TO NORTHERN MINNESOTA: Lauris Krogstad, mayor of Gonvick, says Enbridge’s Line 3 Replacement project is vitally important to small northern Minnesota communities. In his own words, hear what Mayor Krogstad says about small economies and doing business in Minnesota. **WATCH:** <http://bit.ly/2FfTgIc> (**SPONSORED:** [Enbridge](#))

CONGRESS: via *Politico*, **VERBATIM:** “Just about every poll predicts it won’t happen: Suburban voters are too fed up with **Donald Trump**, and Democrats too awash in cash, for **Nancy Pelosi’s** party not to seize the House on Nov. 6...And yet House Republicans — and privately, even a few Democrats — say the GOP could still hang on, if only by a few seats...Democrats, meanwhile, have retreated from several battlegrounds once considered prime targets. They’ve also deserted a Democratic-controlled open seat in Minnesota, creating a new, rare pickup opportunity for Republicans in a cycle where they’ve consistently been on defense...In the past two days, Democrats have retreated from an open seat in Minnesota where Democratic Rep. **Rick Nolan** is retiring and GOP recruit **Pete Stauber** is ahead in internal GOP polling...some Republicans now think Minnesota Reps. **Erik Paulsen** and **Jason Lewis** are finished.” **READ:** <https://politi.co/2yQrlGL>

TODAY: via her official office, **VERBATIM:** “ Sen. **Tina Smith** (D-Minn.) will be in Duluth to discuss how a shortage of housing in the region is impacting the economic well-being of local families, businesses, and communities. Later she will be at Cirrus Aircraft to

discuss the importance of the aviation industry in Northeast Minnesota, and the need to ensure that local workforce training efforts meet the needs of area employers."

MONDAY: **Jeff Johnson** will host a rally with Sen. **Marco Rubio** at the Metropolitan Ballroom.

RAMSEYCTY: via the **Pioneer Press**, **VERBATIM:** "After more than 30 years in public office, **Rettman**, who is famously frugal, still carries a beeper and asks the public to page her rather than call her cellphone, which helps her conserve mobile minutes...The longtime resident of St. Paul's North End — a frequent "no" vote on the seven-member county board — voiced objection on any number of county projects, from the county's role in the redevelopment of the Twin Cities Army Ammunition Plant site in Arden Hills into Rice Creek Commons to "traffic calming" efforts, such as proposed lane reductions on Maryland, Rice and Dale streets... **Rettman's** DFL-endorsed challenger, **Trista MatasCastillo**, believes it's time to say yes to a few more ideas. Even if it means contemplating adding bike lanes or removing traffic lanes in major thoroughfares...In a recent interview, the three-branch military veteran pointed to the stretch of Maryland Avenue between Payne Avenue and Johnson Parkway in her Payne-Phalen neighborhood, which the county reduced from four lanes to three lanes last year on a trial basis." **READ:** <http://bit.ly/2EsQkvo>

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JOBS: Via *Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development*, **VERBATIM:** "Minnesota's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 2.8 percent in September, according to data released today by the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED). That is the lowest state unemployment rate since May 1999 and only three tenths of a point above the all-time low of 2.5 percent in both January and February 1999. The U.S. unemployment rate was 3.7 percent in September 2018. Minnesota's labor market lost 1,400 jobs last month. Additionally, August's job loss was revised downward from 200 jobs lost to 2,500 jobs lost. Over the past year, the state has added 37,339 jobs, a 1.3 percent growth rate. U.S. jobs are up 1.9 percent in the past year." **READ:** <http://bit.ly/2Cqchsh>

BACKHOME: In *VentureBeat*, Ahmed Siddiqui writes about his family's decision to move back home to Minnesota after eight years working in tech in the Bay Area and discovering it wasn't the sacrifice he thought it would be. **VERBATIM:** "Every time I would come back to visit my parents, I would try to meet up with folks in the Minnesota startup ecosystem and found that things were slowly shifting in a positive direction. Fast-forward to now, and the tech scene is thriving, with events like **Twin Cities Startup Week** and accelerators like the **Techstars Retail Accelerator** and the **Techstars Farm-to-Fork Accelerator** . . . Minnesota is rather unique in that it is a hub for retail, medical devices, and agriculture. All of these industries have so many opportunities to innovate by using technology." **READ:** <http://bit.ly/2S4gDLk>

REMEMBER: In a December, 2017 Business Take, we featured a *VentureBeat* article about startup opportunities in the Twin Cities written by the then California-based Ahmed Siddiqui. **READ:** <http://bit.ly/2DiH1JX>

SPORTSDIGITA: *Sports Venue Business* talked with **Sportsdigita** founder and CEO **Angelina Lawton** about her transition from finance to sports and what she sees ahead. **LAWTON:** "The sports-technology industry has limitless potential especially given the growing emphasis teams are putting on their Digital Footprint. The sports industry is now at the forefront of digital innovation and franchises are beginning to embrace this trend on an organisation-wide level." **READ:** <http://bit.ly/2S1viqH>

NOSWEAT: Via *PRWeb*, **VERBATIM:** “**NoSweat**, a Minneapolis-based company that creates patented sweat-absorbing headwear liners, has named **Jared Robins** as President of the company. Robins previously held the position of Chief Operating Officer at NoSweat. He built his career forming investment and endorsement partnerships between startups and athletes. He has helped sign some of the biggest names in sports to endorse and invest in NoSweat including: Washington Capitals winger T.J. Oshie, Detroit Lions receiver Golden Tate, Houston Astros pitcher Dallas Keuchel, and PGA player Stewart Cink. In addition, Robins recently played an integral part in negotiating a deal to make NoSweat an Official Licensed product of the PGA Tour.” **READ:** <http://bit.ly/2Ev48FV>

MOA: From Fourpost via *PRNewswire*, **VERBATIM:** “Today, Fourpost announces the launch of a new retail concept that transforms the traditional brick and mortar model by connecting shoppers and brands through community and experiences. Backed by \$5M in funding, Fourpost’s curated destinations of Studio Shops and eateries will open November 1 at the two largest malls in North America: **Mall of America** in Minnesota and West Edmonton Mall in Alberta, Canada. Fourpost is both a response to and solution for the evolving retail landscape, where consumers and brands, ranging from local businesses and startups to established digital natives, can connect and build authentic relationships under one roof. By giving brands access to prime real estate, Fourpost democratizes the traditional department store experience and injects new energy into physical retail, starting with shopping malls and eventually expanding to freestanding locations.” **READ/RENDERING:** <https://prn.to/2EylFNh>

TODAY: From Amanda Ostuni via *Twin Cities Business*, **VERBATIM:** “As women engineers from around the world arrive in the Twin Cities for the 2018 Society of Women Engineers national conference, organizers hope they’ll look beyond the Minneapolis Convention Center . . . The three-day conference, which kicks off Thursday, is expected to draw more than 13,000 attendees, which will make it the largest conference the Minneapolis Convention Center hosts this year. Accounting for food and lodging, the engineering conference could generate more than \$8 million for the city, Meet Minneapolis senior director of destination sales Nathan Hermiston says. It could also attract qualified job candidates. ‘Having Society of Women Engineers in Minneapolis is a huge honor because not only do we get to show attendees all that Minnesota has to offer,’ says **3M** employment brand manager Kyle Thompson, ‘but we get to show them where 3M calls home for our global headquarters and all that 3M has to offer as an innovative place for a career.’ The presence of 3M and **Medtronic** was a major factor in bringing the conference to the Twin Cities.” **READ:** <http://bit.ly/2S066km>

THISMONTH: Via *TECH{dot}MN*, **VERBATIM:** “Minnesota MusicTech 2018 is where music and technology collide. More than a dozen music & technology companies are based in Minnesota and this is a celebration of them . . . This unique event on Oct 30th at IceHouse from 8-10pm features local artists melding hardware and software to push the boundaries of sound.” **READ:** <http://bit.ly/2RS6elP>

GENMILLS: From Emma Hinchliffe via *Fortune*, **VERBATIM:** “To fight climate change, **General Mills** is looking to its past. The 152-year-old food company is turning to ‘a throwback of classic, old farming practices’ combined with new methods to contribute to a more sustainable future for the food industry, according to **Carla Vernón**, president of its natural and organic operating unit. That means expanding its organic acreage and implementing regenerative farming practices with perennial grains, cover crops, and pollinator habitats. ‘If we mean to stay in the food business at General Mills, then this problem that we’re facing, that we have been a participant in we realize now, we have to make positive contributions,’ Vernón said. Vernón made the remarks while speaking on a panel with Liam Condon, president of the crop science division at Bayer AG, and Murad Al-Katib, president and CEO of the lentil, bean, and chickpea processor AGT Food and Ingredients, at Fortune Global Forum in Toronto Wednesday.” **WATCH:** <https://for.tn/2Eynt91>

via **HEALTH TAKE:** Tuesdays and Thursday's we provide a deeper look at Minnesota's health care systems and businesses. If you know someone who follows health care, forward them this sign up. **SIGNUP:** <http://bit.ly/healthtake>

POLL: From Phil Galewitz via *Kaiser Health News*, **VERBATIM:** "Health care has emerged as the top issue for voters headed into the midterm elections, but fewer than half of them say they are hearing a lot from candidates on the issue, according to a new poll released Thursday. Seven in 10 people list health care as 'very important' as they make their voting choices, eclipsing the economy and jobs (64 percent), gun policy (60 percent), immigration (55 percent), tax cuts (53 percent) and foreign policy (51 percent). When asked to choose just one issue, nearly a third picked health care, according to the survey by the Kaiser Family Foundation." **READ:** <http://bit.ly/2S011Zi>

MORE: Via *Kaiser Family Foundation*, the full poll results and analysis: **READ:** <https://kaiserf.am/2S2eq35>

SAFETYNET: From Lisa Mascaro via *Associated Press*, **VERBATIM:** "With the GOP tax plan contributing to rising federal deficits, Democrats are warning that Republicans will seek cuts to Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security to balance budgets if they keep control of Congress in the November election. It's a familiar message for Democrats, who have for years campaigned on the idea that Republicans want to gut the 'entitlement' programs. Republicans say they want to put those benefit programs on better financial footing and tame the deficit. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell fueled the campaign attack when he said this week that entitlement spending, not the Republican tax plan, is responsible for the increasing deficits that are now on track to top \$1 trillion — a level unseen since the aftermath of the Great Recession. 'This is the exact Republican playbook we've seen time after time,' said Rep. John Yarmuth, a Kentucky Democrat who's in line to become Budget Committee chairman if Democrats win control of the House." **READ:** <http://bit.ly/2RYTFoP>

ACA: From David Morgan via *Reuters*, **VERBATIM:** "Republicans could try again to repeal Obamacare if they win enough seats in U.S. elections next month, Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell said on Wednesday, calling a failed 2017 push to repeal the healthcare law a 'disappointment' . . . He said, 'If we had the votes to completely start over, we'd do it. But that depends on what happens in a couple weeks . . . We're not satisfied with the way Obamacare is working.' McConnell's comments drew a sharp reaction from Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer and other Democrats, who have sought to portray the Republican healthcare effort as an attack on the middle class." **READ:** <https://reut.rs/2RZ20bZ>

CRUZ: From Peter Sullivan via *The Hill*, **VERBATIM:** "Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas) pledged to protect people with pre-existing conditions at a debate Tuesday night, illustrating just how dramatically Republicans have changed their stance on the issue. Cruz is perhaps most well known for tenaciously opposing ObamaCare at every turn. But now, facing a surprisingly tough reelection race against Rep. Beto O'Rourke (D), he is speaking up in favor of one of ObamaCare's core provisions: protections for those with pre-existing conditions." **READ:** <http://bit.ly/2RXgqt7>

FLU: In its weekly report released this afternoon, the *Minnesota Department of Health* reports "sporadic geographic spread of influenza." **READ:** <http://bit.ly/2RXwMSu>

VACCINE: Via *Minnesota Department of Health*, a database, searchable by ZIP code, to find vaccine providers as well as information on free or low-cost vaccines for kids. **SEARCH:** <http://bit.ly/2j5X5pF>

AFM: Via *Associated Press*, **VERBATIM:** "A seventh child has been diagnosed with a rare, paralyzing illness that has seen an

uptick in cases this year in the U.S., the Minnesota Department of Health said. The symptoms in the latest case match those of the other children in Minnesota who have been diagnosed with acute flaccid myelitis, or AFM, health officials said Tuesday. The polio-like illness causes limited mobility or paralysis. U.S. health officials on Tuesday reported a jump in cases of AFM. At least 62 cases have been confirmed in 22 states this year and at least another 65 illnesses in those states are being investigated as possible AFM cases." **READ:** <https://hrld.us/2EthORC>

SYMPTOMS: Via *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*, **VERBATIM:** "Most people will have sudden onset of arm or leg weakness and loss of muscle tone and reflexes. Some people, in addition to arm or leg weakness, will have: facial droop/weakness, difficulty moving the eyes, drooping eyelids, or difficulty with swallowing or slurred speech. Numbness or tingling is rare in people with AFM, although some people have pain in their arms or legs. Some people with AFM may be unable to pass urine (pee). The most severe symptom of AFM is respiratory failure that can happen when the muscles involved with breathing become weak." **READ:** <http://bit.ly/2ExMsJP>

UOFM: From Amanda Ostuni via *Twin Cities Business*, **VERBATIM:** "The **University of Minnesota** is one step closer to getting to market an imaging system designed for earlier-than-ever Alzheimer's detection, thanks to a newly announced partnership with Toronto-based medtech startup RetiSpec. RetiSpec will get exclusive access to the system, with the idea that combining the technology with RetiSpec's own machine learning program will advance the development. The imaging system – developed by researchers for the university's College of Pharmacy Center for Drug Design– scans a patient's eye to detect small quantities of a protein called beta amyloid. What makes the system unique is that it can do this before the protein collects into large enough clusters to form plaques in the brain, the standard biological sign of Alzheimer's progression." **READ:** <http://bit.ly/2Ewa01A>

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